

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 284

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A RESOLUTION relative to migratory waterfowl bag limits and hunting seasons.

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in consultation with the various Flyway Councils, establishes maximum bag limits and seasons for the hunting of migratory waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, although USFWS has authorized the taking of no more than two (2) hen mallards per day in season for the Mississippi Flyway, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (TWRC) has instead set the daily bag limit at one (1) mallard hen for Tennessee hunters; and

WHEREAS, USFWS established the 2008-2009 duck hunting season for the Mississippi Flyway at a maximum of sixty (60) days, but TWRC reduced Tennessee's duck hunting season to fifty-nine (59) days; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's hunters often experience a shortage of ducks in season, and the TWRC should explore every viable option to ensure a plentiful number of ducks for our hunting community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby strongly urge and encourage the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to set the daily bag limits and hunting seasons for migratory waterfowl each year at the maximum level permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, specifically to establish a sixty (60) day duck hunting season and to permit the taking of two (2) hen mallards per day in season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission and the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.